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From Germany to Milly: Mareye Hoelscher

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Contributing Writer

Mareye Hoelscher values streamlined speech. Her answers are clipped, crisp and honest, missing the roundabout niceties found in American speech.

True to her German upbringing, she does not have time to beat around the bush. There is no hint of irritation nor defensiveness; she simply states the necessary response to the question, no more, no less.

"Mareye has an awesome personality," said her friend Mehmet Acikgoez, a junior from Germany. "She's very German, and therefore has no problem getting things done."

Hoelscher, a German exchange student at Georgia College, came to America with the intention of garnering the English proficiency necessary to pursue her dream of becoming an English teacher in Germany.

"I've wanted to be a teacher since I was fourteen years old," Hoelscher said. "I'd like to make school a great environment for young students, a place they can feel valued and comfortable."

As someone interested in education, Hoelscher notices the differences between the American education system

and that of Germany. She understands the importance of finding a home in a school as she lays down temporary roots an ocean away from home.

Sophomore mass communication major Hannah Kriner lives in the same residence hall as Hoelscher and found her willing to help in a time of need.

"I was really struggling with how to do some grammar stuff for my German 2001 class, but Mareye was willing to sit down and help me work through homework and how to do proper grammar in German," Kriner said. "All of the German international students are really great and are super eager to learn more about the Milledgeville lifestyle."

Hoelscher's time in America extends beyond Milledgeville. Her first introduction to the United States was when she came to New York as an exchange student in her senior year of high school. She traveled to Ohio and various cities throughout the United States before landing in Milledgeville.

Hoelscher admits that her German university's exchange program placed her at Georgia College without giving her a choice, but she has enjoyed her time here nonetheless.

"They just put me here," she said with a laugh.

As she explores a new part of the United States, Hoelscher said she is realizing the cultural differences between various regions of the United States. The kindness she's experienced in the south surprises her, she said, compared to her experiences in other regions of the country.

"People are so nice here," Hoelscher said. "It's helped me enjoy my time in the south. In the northern parts of the United States, people are less friendly."

One of the biggest differences she notes between the United States and Germany is that Germans tend to eat much healthier and much less than Americans, and healthier options are more available.

The school systems in America are also much different than in Germany, where students separate early between tracks to college, trade school, or clerical school. Then Hoelscher laughed as she revealed that the most notable difference between Germany and the United States is the drinking age.

Each year, GC celebrates international students during International Week. It is an opportunity to showcase students from diverse backgrounds and learn about the various cultures represented at GC. During the International Day celebration on Oct. 25, Hoelscher will be at the German table with an informational poster and German snacks from Aldi.

"International Week is a chance to get to know different cultures and make friends from different parts of the world," Hoelscher said.

She also said she strongly advocates for students to study abroad.

"Studying in a different culture gives you an opportunity to grow, gain confidence and partake in experiences that will always be a part of you," she said.



Ashley Boyle / Contributing Photographer

Mareye Hoelscher is studying education with the goal of becoming an English teacher in her home country of Germany.



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GC unaffected by Devos' changes to Title IX

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U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy Devos plans to rescind the Obama-era guidelines on how to handle sexual assaults at schools. She made the announcement on Sept. 22.

The guidelines established in 2011 under the Obama administration pushed colleges and universities to fight sexual assault and sexual violence on campuses. These specific rules are outlined in the law known as Title IX.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education and requires schools to have an established procedure for handling cases of sexual discrimination, harassment and violence. Every school that receives federal funding is affected, including Georgia College.

GC Women's Center Director Jennifer Graham said that Devos' rollback will not largely affect GC. Graham stated that she was not surprised that the current presidential administration essentially "undid" the 2011 guidance of the Obama administration.

Because of the rollback, multiple guidelines have been

taken away. For example, the rule requiring colleges and universities to handle sexual assault cases within 60 days has been repealed. However, Georgia College usually aims to handle the cases within 90 days.

Another guideline no longer in effect is the rule concerning mediation. Previously, under the Obama administration guidance, mediation was not allowed as a way to handle sexual assault. Mediation occurs as a case is being handled, wherein the victim and the accused go through mediation together.

This guideline is no longer in effect, and mediation is now allowed. Graham, however, said that GC never used mediation and never will.

"It's not a thing we had been doing here," Graham said. "The changes allow for us to do it now, but we're not, all of a sudden, going to start doing these things. It leaves it up to the individual school."

Graham also said she believes that the Title IX changes discourage victims of sexual assault from speaking out.

GC's Title IX Coordinator Cindi Johnson declined to comment on the matter.

Devos has said that her department will develop replacement Title IX guidelines that will "do a better job of balancing the rights of victims and the accused."

According to a study published by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, only between two percent

and ten percent of rape cases are false allegations. The category of "false allegations" also includes reasons like insufficient evidence, delayed reporting, victims deciding not to cooperate with investigators and inconsistencies with victims' statements.

Despite this relatively low number of false allegations, Devos said the Obama administration guidance was unfair to the accused and says her department's guidance will be fairer to both the victims and the accused.

Although the changes may not largely affect GC's campus, some students still feel a lack of support for victims from the Department of Education.

"People should know how frequently this happens in college with people who you don't think will do it," said junior Marisa Barnes, a psychology major and sexual assault survivor. "I don't see any sense in taking away something to help victims."

Junior Danielle Lutin, a marketing major, echoed Graham's thoughts, saying that she worries that taking away the Obama administration guidelines will discourage victims from coming forward.

"It's already hard for people to come forward about sexual assaults, so it's not good that they took away something that is supposed to help victims," Lutin said. "It's already hard enough for someone who goes through that, so I don't see why it has to be harder for them."

Title IX



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assaulted in
college



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Deep Roots crowds benefit local businesses

**Justin
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Contributing Writer

The Deep Roots Festival attracts people from all over the Southeast to Milledgeville to shop and attend concerts, impacting businesses throughout the city..

"It's fantastic," said Allison Esposito, a barista at Blackbird Coffee and GC graduate, as she faced a line of thirsty coffee-lovers stretching out the door. "We see twice as many people we normally do on any given Saturday and our tips triple."

Just a few hours into the festival, the streets were flooded with people strolling through the numerous tents and businesses downtown as lunch was on

everyone's mind. All of the businesses downtown were packed, but The Brick's attendance stood out above its neighbors. The line for the tourist-favorite restaurant wrapped around the corner and continued down the street.

"We generate about two to three times more money during Deep Roots," said The Brick's manager Patrick Kay. "The only other day that comes close to that is GC graduation, so it's definitely a great time for The Brick and this community."

However, Deep Roots does not only affect the businesses in historic downtown Milledgeville. Restaurants located on the north side of town, such as the Pickle Barrel and Pueblas, also overflowed with customers. It seems that wherever businesses in Milledgeville are located, they all benefit from the Deep Roots Festival.



Emily Bryant / Staff Photographer

Deep Roots attendees crowded downtown all day Oct. 21.

Moneyball: GC Athletics anchored by student fees

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FUNDING

ATHLETIC
REVENUE

Athletic Fee: \$2,332,416
Athletic Camps: \$5,375
Golf Tournament: \$39,445
NCAA Revenue (Playoffs):
\$27,512
Miscellaneous: \$22,585
Sales-Concessions: \$49,940
Interest Income: \$185



TOTAL:
2,477,459

EXPENDITURES

Personal Services: \$1,155,001
Travel: \$204,196
Operating: \$467,384
Scholarships: \$622,323
Equipment: \$7,397



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McKenzie Julian
Staff Writer

The cost of attendance for higher education has remained relatively constant over the past decade, and while this may be beneficial to students, it has its drawbacks for departments attempting to manage a budget with increasing costs. One such department is GC's athletic department.

The athletic department must budget for travel costs, operating costs, scholarships, equipment and more for each of the 11 varsity sports.

GC athletics generates funding mainly through student fees. Each semester, students pay an athletic fee of \$181. This student funding generates about 95 percent of the athletic department's budget, according to Russ Williams, the senior director for Budget Planning and Administration.

The challenge with budgeting comes with a lack of increase in funding over the past few years. Georgia's Board of Regents has strongly encouraged all universities in Georgia not to raise student fees.

Even though this helps prevent an increase in the cost of attendance for students, it prevents a further increase in revenue for the athletic departments.

Costs, including transportation and benefits, have increased over the years while the revenue remains flat, leading to tight budgets.

However, the athletic department has done well to manage their budget, Williams said. One tool that aids in decreasing expenditures is the HOPE Scholarship. Due to GC's academic admission requirements, the majority of students receive the HOPE Scholarship, including student athletes.

The HOPE Scholarship allows coaches to use money that would otherwise cover athlete's tuition to cover other expenses. This lets the coaches make scholarship offers to prospects while also saving the department approximately \$8,000 per athlete.

"It's a built-in recruiting advantage," said Wendell Staton, GC's athletic director. "It's state dollars, or HOPE dollars, that are going to help offset the costs, not just for our student athletes, but for all students."

Another tool the university uses to cut back on costs is the international waivers. They allow international student athletes to come to GC at the cost of an in-state student rather than as an out-of-state student, as long as the athlete meets certain criteria.

This waiver draws more international students to GC, thus increasing the diversity and potential quality of GC athletics.

"I really like the fact that we've been able to have some international presence on our teams," Staton said.

In addition, each coach of the 11 varsity sports also takes part in fundraising for their teams.

Steve Barsby, assistant athletic director and men's and women's tennis head coach, works hard to generate more revenue through funding. Barsby connects with alumni, parents, friends and others to encourage donations for the athletic department.

Additionally, this year, the men's and women's tennis teams created a letter campaign in hopes of bringing in more donations.

Barsby believes it is essential for current athletes to understand the importance of fundraising and what it means to the teams.

"When kids are playing here, I educate them thoroughly on the funding and the model and how it all works," Barsby said. "When they leave here, they have a good understanding, and if [they] want to help out, that's a great way to do that."

Staton gives credit to the coaches for putting in the work to fundraise for the teams, and he also gives credit to the donors.

"Our alumni have been very gracious," Staton said. "Our community has been very gracious." In terms of determining the budget for each team, Staton believes in giving fair representation to all teams.

Staton tries to keep each team in a similar standing relative to other teams from Peach Belt Conference schools. The athletic department doesn't want one team to be among the top schools in the PBC for their budget while another team is ranked among the lower schools.

"All 11 teams and all 200 student athletes are as [equally] important," Staton said. "I want everybody to have the best experience they can."

Silliman brothers thrive together as teammates

Kaylin Martinko

Staff Writer

Brothers Collin and Brennan Silliman are running together on GC's cross country team for the first time since they were in high school at Woodward Academy in Douglasville.

Both sophomore Collin and freshman Brennan have been running track and cross country since their middle school years and ran together for six years on the same team.

"[There are] 30 different

personalities on this team,"

Collin said. "I've been trying to teach Brennan about respecting everyone and team unity. I feel like I can help guide him so that when I leave, he can guide the newer people and try to help them build close unity."

Collin, a psychology major and chemistry minor who hopes to pursue sports psychology, trains with the cross country team and tries to be a leader, especially to the younger teammates. The elder Silliman also excels in long-distance running and setting the

pace for a race.

Unlike Collin, Brennan, an exercise science major and biology minor who hopes to go into either animal rehabilitation or do something with exercise science, performs best in races with shorter distances.

"Their racing styles are pretty similar," said cross country Coach Steven Cary. "Actually, they complement one another. Brennan really pushes the pace and keeps the intensity hot, but Collin is really good at keeping a pace and moving up through the race, racing smart."

Despite their unique running styles and personalities, both brothers have rituals involving listening to a specific type of music before races.

Collin prefers 90s music while Brennan gets hyped up for a race with modern hip-hop and rap.

"Brennan is a lot more analytical," said Cary. "He's the kind of guy that's going to be in here every day talking about race plans and why we're doing what we're doing. Collin has a quiet confidence."

Though competitiveness is almost always a factor when siblings participate in a sport together, Cary said cross country is all about having a team mindset rather than an individual one.

"You do have to be careful when you have siblings on the same team and make sure they're racing for the right reasons," Cary said. "Brennan and Collin aren't really like that. I think a lot of the reason why Brennan came here is because he saw the experiences that Collin was having with the team."

Brennan and Collin typically run in a group of three with teammate Shawn Olmstead, and the trio paces and challenges one another to run the best race possible.

"I don't like to say we race against one another," Brennan said. "We race together, and it's nice to have someone to pace with... We all have a job: to stick together as a solid three."

We push each other, but we don't try to compete with one another."

Both Collin and Brennan said that having a brother on the team is helpful because they've grown up together and are used to each other's running styles.

"My dad used to always tell me, 'There's no one more important than your brother,' and I believe that," said Coach Cary. "I've told Collin and Brennan that, too. Because they work together so well, that transfers over to the rest of the team."



Photo Courtesy of GC Sports Information

Brennan (left) and Collin (right) Silliman also ran together in high school at Woodward Academy.

GC esports dominates in first preseason matchup

Alex Jones

Contributing Writer

The GC esports team defeated Francis Marion University in its first preseason matchup Friday, Oct. 13, as they defeated the Patriots 2-0 in a best of three series.

"A lot of us are more skilled in the game than the Francis Marion players," said team captain John Bills. "The GC players rank in the top five percent globally."

GC's roster ranking outweighed that of Francis Marion, whose players only averaged in the top 40 percent globally. The GC team did not face any hindering matchups in the game, and they worked as a synchronized unit, utilizing their team chemistry and understanding of strategy to emerge victorious.

"I have scouted all the teams we will face moving forward, and we have set high expectations," said Bills. "Honestly, our roster is pretty stacked, and we have a chance to pile a lot of wins this season."

The team was excited about their decisive victory, and they consider it a huge confidence

booster for the upcoming matches they will encounter.

Even though the players saying that the competitiveness of the matches was unlike anything they had experienced before, the team expects to begin molding a winning tradition as the first esports team in GC history.

Despite the team's affiliation with the school and competition against other Peach Belt Conference opponents, it does not receive any funding through the athletic department or student fees and is in essence treated as a club team.

Instead, the team is orchestrated through the Campus Life office and must orchestrate its own fundraisers to finance itself. Also, there are no scholarships affiliated with the GC esports team as of right now.

"We, as an athletic department at GC, see the value regarding esports," said Assistant Athletic Director Al Weston. "It is something that aligns well with the GC student, and we cannot afford to not be a part of it."

The athletic department understands the trending competition in esports, which is

why they brought it to GC. The appraisal and acknowledgment of the game is increasing, and once it catches the right recognition, the game's popularity will rise as well.

As esports gains popularity and knowledge of the team spreads throughout campus, the team also hopes to gain student support and form a fan base.



Photo Courtesy of Steven Walters

GC defeated FMU 2-0 in its first-ever match.



Staging a Farewell

Senior dancers reflect on their years at GC amid Bountiful performance

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Sunday's performance of Bountiful, a student choreographed dance concert, brought three senior dancers one step closer to the end of their road at Georgia College.

"I am graduating this upcoming December," said senior Amy Webb, "so this year's Bountiful performance is kind of my goodbye."

Webb and fellow dancers Caroline Orlando and Margo Rothstein have choreographed and performed their final Bountiful production and are now on the road to continue their

future in the world dance.

Transferring three times and dancing through injuries, Webb has never ceased to pursue her love of dance. As a liberal arts major with concentrations in dance, theater and photography, she has an obvious passion for performing.

Throughout her years here at GC, Webb has developed a love for teaching by instructing tap classes at the community dance center. Also with a concentration in theater, she has grown to love the lighting aspect of performing.

When discussing her plans for the future, Webb said, "Dance is an outlet for me, and I want to inspire kids by teaching them dance, so they can have the same opportunity. I also want to be a theater electrician and work with theater lighting."

With similar goals for her future, Caroline Orlando sees herself teaching dance part time while also having a career in physical therapy.

"I recently got into physical therapy school," said Orlando. "I really want to be a physical therapist for a dance company while possibly teaching at a dance studio."

Orlando has been invited for the past three years to the prestigious American College Dance Association conference and hopes to be invited to her fourth and final conference this year. She also is the president of Chi Tau Epsilon, the dance minor honor society that hosts the Bountiful production every fall.

In describing what it was like preparing for Bountiful, Orlando said, "This show allows you the freedom to experiment with different ideas. It is a learning experience."

Rothstein had a similar opinion about the Bountiful production.

"I like the low-key feel," said Rothstein. "I like that it is student-run and that you get to take risks because it is a smaller show."

Rothstein is a mathematics major and dance minor. She said it is hard to balance such a concrete major with such an artistic minor, but she loves dancing to unwind.

She also said she has nothing but happy thoughts when looking back on her journey of dance at GC.

"The dance department was the first place I felt at home in college," said Rothstein.

After graduation, she hopes to find a group of dancers and continue to just dance for fun.

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Student's legacy and spirit lives on through campus events

Graham Hill
Staff Writer

Genuine, passionate, loving, dedicated—these are all words that have been used to describe former Georgia College student Julia Tarter, who passed away in

2013 in a tragic car accident.

In her time at Georgia College, Julia Tarter's impact was felt across the entire campus according to those who knew her. Julia was deeply involved in Phi Mu, Student Ambassadors and Young Life. Within those organizations, Julia's presence was always known.

"Julia's family has obviously been incredibly humbled, and honored and inspired by the way she chose to live her life," said Julia's father, Kurt Tarter.

Just a freshman in Phi Mu, Julia's passion and dedication was recognized by the president of Phi Mu, who was a senior at the time, according to her father. For Julia, there was never time for half measures.

"Julia was never half in or half out with whatever she did, she was always all in with whatever she did," said Tarter.

Even today, Julia's impact is still widely felt on campus. There are multiple events and scholarships in her name at Georgia College including Jammin for Julia, a Phi Mu fundraiser, a Young Life 5k which raises money for a Young Life scholarship in her name, and a Student Ambassador's award.

"What has been truly astonishing to me as Julia's father is the deep and wide impact she had in every organization," said Tarter. "The reason [her impact] was wide was because of the deep impact she had on people."

Jammin' for Julia has already raised over \$10,000, and the new goal for the event is \$100,000, according to Tarter.

To this day, Julia's family still receives letters about how much of an impact Julia had on the people around her and her community, both at Georgia College and away from Milledgeville at Winshape Camps and North Point Church. They still hear about the deep love and respect Julia had for everyone around her.

"The reason she could be this complete person was her unconditional love for everything and for everyone," said Tarter. "She just loved life. She loved people. She just loved to be enthusiastically engaged in every aspect of life."

Julia's love and passion will still be felt for years and years to come through these events that carry on in her name. Julia Tarter will forever be known as someone who gave her all to the people she interacted with and the organizations she participated in.

Julia's father has been touched as he continues to learn about the love that GC has given back to Julia for all that she did for our community.

"It is awesome to see how Julia was loved at Georgia College," Tarter said.

Julia's impact can be seen and heard first hand as Jammin for Julia will be held on Nov. 1.



(Above) Kurt and Julia Tarter at homecoming.
(Right) Julia outside the residence halls at Georgia College.

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